

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber. Mayor Shaw called the meeting to order. Roll call was as follows:

Mayor, Herb Shaw	Present
Commissioner, Gerald DeWitt	Present
Commissioner, Lauren Drury Amis	Present
Commissioner, James Johnson, Sr.	Present
Commissioner, Geneva Nichols	Present
Commissioner, Ricky Reddish, Sr.	Present
Commissioner, Bobby Townsend	Present
City Attorney, Alvin Leaphart	Present
City Manager, Onda Woodard	Present
Police Chief, Butch Hutcheson	Present

The Lord's Prayer was led by City Attorney Leaphart.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Hutcheson.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner Reddish to approve minutes dated April 15, 2008.

Commissioner Amis and Commissioner Nichols abstained. All remaining Council voted yes.

Commissioner Amis made motion seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the transfer of Beer, Wine and Liquor license at 1202 S. First Street from Daphne R. Manning to Sebastian S. Singh.

All Council voted yes.

City Manager Woodard requested Council to renew Property and Liability Insurance with Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency, which decreased premiums by \$10,000.00 from last year.

Commissioner DeWitt made motion seconded by Commissioner Townsend to renew the Property and Liability Insurance with Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency for fiscal year 2008-2009.

All Council voted yes.

City Manager Woodard requested Council to renew Group Health Insurance with Meritain Health, which increased premiums by only 6% from last year; and stated Mr. Rick Harper was present to answer any questions.

Mr. Harper informed Council that Meritain Health is the same insurance the City has had since 1992, but now has a different name due to mergers.

Commissioner Amis asked if bids were ever taken for group health insurance.

City Manager Woodard informed her bids were taken in the past, but it was not beneficial.

Commissioner Johnson made motion seconded by Commissioner Nichols to renew group health insurance with Meritain Health for fiscal year 2008-09.

All Council voted yes.

City Manager Woodard stated Mr. Tommy Hatcher, with U.S.D.A., was present; and requested Council to approve a resolution to apply for a grant for a tractor with a buzz bar attachment.

Mr. Hatcher stated, as discussed in the earlier Worksession, Council needs to approve a loan resolution security agreement.

Commissioner DeWitt made motion seconded by Commissioner Amis to approve the loan resolution security agreement with U.S.D.A. for a tractor with a buzz bar attachment at \$102,000.00, which includes a \$50,000.00 grant and \$52,000.00 loan.

All Council voted yes.

City Manager Woodard stated she was contacted by County Administrator Mike Deal about the County striping three recently paved streets in Wayne Terrace; and he needs to know whether the City wants to stripe the remaining streets in that subdivision.

City Manager Woodard informed Council the cost for the additional striping would be approximately \$8,000 - \$10,000, which would be paid out of SPLOST monies.

Commissioner DeWitt made motion seconded by Commissioner Townsend to approve the striping of the remaining streets in Wayne Terrace; not to exceed \$10,000.00.

All Council voted yes.

City Manager Woodard informed Council the City recently had 8 Court cases on trash littering.

City Manager Woodard stated C.S.X. has agreed for the concrete ramp on Broad Street to be removed; and they are moving their maintenance distribution to the end of South Brunswick Street to help clean up the downtown area.

Commissioner Nichols informed Council the Train Depot Committee recently had a meeting and hopefully will get started soon on the renovation of the Depot.

Commissioner Johnson stated he had received several complaints about pot holes, and asked City Manager Woodard what was the procedure for getting them repaired.

City Manager Woodard stated to call her.

Commissioner Johnson stated, with the high gas prices, he didn't see why the fire truck, police, and ambulance all should go to a house when someone is sick.

City Manager Woodard stated the firefighters are first responders, which Council had decided to implement years ago.

Commissioner Reddish stated something needs to be done about people dumping trash behind the old Tasty Freeze on E. Pine Street.

City Manager Woodard stated she would have to install cameras to correct the problem.

City Manager Woodard asked City Engineer Bill Shuman to discuss the water and sewer extension to Sierra International Manufacturing.

Mr. Shuman stated Sierra International Manufacturing will be locating adjacent to YellaWood right off Great Southern Way; and they need water and sewer.

Mr. Shuman stated City Manager Woodard asked him to get a cost estimate for the City providing the labor and materials for the extension of water and sewer to the new company. He reported the total cost estimate of material cost and road bore is \$38,100.00.

Commissioner DeWitt made motion seconded by Commissioner Townsend to approve the water and sewer extension to the proposed Sierra International Manufacturing site at approximately \$38,000.00.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner Johnson inquired about the status of extending water and sewer to Ne-Smith-Walker Chevrolet's new site on Highway 341.

Mr. Shuman stated he is trying to design it, but keeps getting interrupted to do other projects.

Mayor Shaw informed Council he has been appointed to the GMA training board, and requested their support.

Meeting Adjourned,

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Rose Marcus Jackson  
City Clerk/Treasurer